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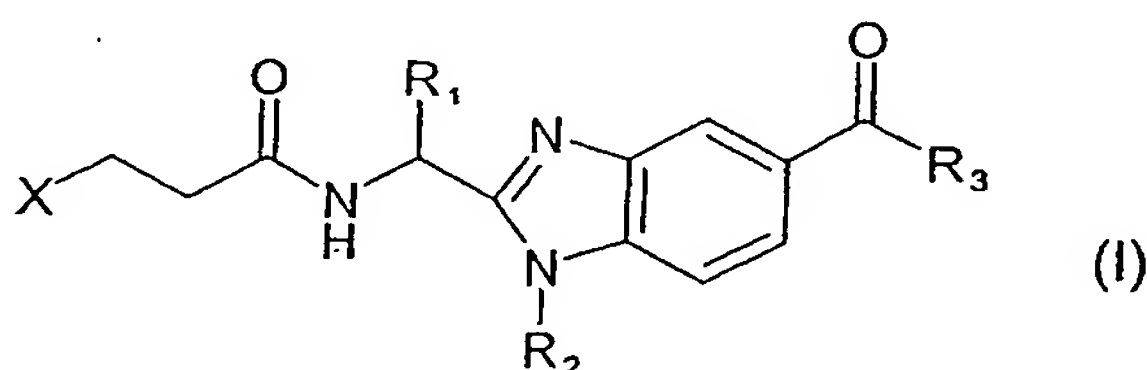
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thereof are peptide deformylase inhibitors useful in the
treatment or prevention of infections and other diseases
in which peptide deformylases are involved, especially
in the treatment of bacterial and parasitic infections, for
example infections fully or partly caused by microorganisms
belonging to *Staphylococcus*, *Enterococcus*, *Streptococcus*,
Haemophilus, *Moraxella*, *Escherichia*, *Mycobacterium*.

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